



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Purple Loosestrife Removal Project

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purple loosestrife eradication project located within Humboldt Redwoods State Park proposes to eradicate purple loosestrife, a highly invasive exotic plant, along approximately 40 km (25 miles) of the south fork and the main stem of the Eel River. The proposed project will be limited to chemical treatment methods using manually applied herbicide. No cutting, uprooting, or other potentially earth-disturbing physical removal is proposed under this Notice. Herbicide to be used is Habitat® (imazapyr) which is registered for use in semi-aquatic and aquatic habitats in California by the Environmental Protection Agency. Habitat® will be used with a spray adjuvant (Competitor®). Application of the herbicide will be in conformance with the EPA approved label, by or under the direct supervision of a qualified applicator certified or licensed by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Herbicide will be applied directly to the target species and no herbicide will be sprayed into or over the water. The proposed project will include ongoing inventorying of existing and new purple loosestrife occurrences; public education and information on methods of spread and prevention measures; and monitoring of treated areas to determine effectiveness of control methods and to identify future treatment needs. The project includes measures for notifying the public before, during and after treatments in public use areas, including but not limited to posting of onsite notices and the provision of project area maps. Project implementation is expected to take 2-10 years, with treatments limited to non-nesting and breeding seasons of protected wildlife species, primarily in late summer.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

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Class: 4

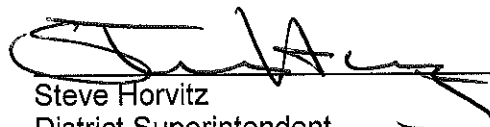
Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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